Our amazing "zine wall" inside the Shop at MCBA.

This Fore Edge, we're diving into the vibrant world of zines! For the uninitiated, a zine is a DIY, self-published booklet that covers niche or personal topics, often through a
countercultural lens. These unique publications have a rich history, dating back to the early 20th century when they served as a voice for marginalized communities and underground movements.

We have a diverse collection of zines both in-store and online. Learn how to fix a flat bike tire (while crying), read a love letter to labor union activists, indulge in poetry, or delve into the art of making zines themselves. Let's celebrating this dynamic form of expression!

View All Zines

FEATURED

Rich Dana

Cheap Copies!

“Did you ever wonder how artists and writers made zines and chapbooks before computers and photocopiers? Cheap Copies! is the culmination of over a decade of experiments, research, and tinkering with pre-digital duplication technology. It's a DIY guide that explains the history and how-to of the mimeograph, hectograph, and spirit duplicators that were
“This (slightly not safe for work but definitely safe for workers!) zine is a saucy love letter to organizers and workers and laborers fighting for a better world, where capital isn’t consolidated by the few, workers aren’t exploited for others’ gain, people have enough for both needs and wants to be satisfied, and we live and act in interdependence and solidarity and support of one another!” - Sophie Wang
Learn about Wu's incredible life journey, where she navigated uncharted territories, socially and politically, especially as a woman of Asian descent during her time. This full-color graphic narrative is written and illustrated by librarian/comics artist Dawn K. Wing, who is a third-generation Chinese American and granddaughter of a paper son.

Erin Moore

Lesbian Lettering
With the goal of showcasing lesbian press history, this risograph-printed zine catalogs the adaptation of lettering from historical lesbian publications into digital, usable typefaces. It even includes instructions on how to download the 5 featured typefaces.

View Online

Nance Musinguzi

The Letter Formally Known as Q
This book is a photographic, oral history and archival project that documents intergenerational narratives of Queer/Trans American immigrants of color and their personal experiences of migrating and making homes in the Twin Cities, Minnesota.
Tending the Soil
Ricardo Levins Morales

Treader
Hannah Lee Hall, Annika Johnson, & Dog Eye Press

The Map
ottoGraphic

The Usual Arteries
Erin Dorney & Illuminated Press

Looking in the Night

Bibliomancy
Eretz: Jewish Poems for Palestine
Leo Rodriguez

Found Objects/Objectos Encontrados
Nicole Cecilia Delgado & DoubleCross Press

How To Fix a Flat When You’re Already Crying
Xena Goldman

Did You Eat?
Yelow Zines

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